

THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS
St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -

'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

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April 18th. 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

READINGS FOR TODAY

ACTS 3. 12-20. PS. 4. 1 JOHN2. 15 – 17; 3. 1-6. LUKE 24. 36b-48

What's on regularly.

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1 BYO cup and lunch	St. Peter's hall O. G
TUESDAY	Prayers-personal – with Dawn and John – 10 - 12	St. Peter's O. G
WEDNESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' hall B.H
WEDNESDAY	Holy Communion 10 am	St. Peter's O. G
FRIDAY	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' hall B.H
SATURDAY	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints' hall B.H
SATURDAY	Prayers in the Chapel from 9 am	St Peter's O. G
SUNDAY	8am. Holy Communion & 9.30am Holy Communion	St. Peter's O. G
SUNDAY	11 am Holy Communion	All Saints' B.H

PLEASE READ THIS.

The following general regulations apply whenever you are coming to St Peter's or to All Saints' for any reason:

1.If you feel unwell, have a cough, sore throat, fever, or loss of taste or smell, have recently had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID19 or awaiting the result of a COVID19 test or are yourself awaiting the results of a COVID19 test you may not enter church property.

2.IT IS ADVISABLE THAT MASKS BE WORN WHEN SINGING. 3.Whenever you enter the church building you must register your attendance and sanitize your hands.**4. We will not be passing the offertory plate around the church. A plate will be available near the entrance. Please place your offertory in it as you arrive.**

VICAR'S VOICE . As many of you know, I embarked last week on a sermon series on "Being an Easter People". My plan is that from now till Pentecost I will use the lectionary readings from the book of Acts to explore how the 1st century church responded to, and was shaped by, the death and resurrection of Jesus. And perhaps more significantly, to think about how we, in the 21st century church, should respond to these things. In our context there is a seemingly endless stream of books and conferences on what it means to be the church. There are probably as many answers as there are commentators, but it seems to me that at the very heart of things, we are called to be an Easter People, finding our identity in the great Easter proclamation "Christ is Risen" and being shaped by the hope and joy that comes from that great reality.

Blessings, Jill.

We will be running Alpha in term 2.

There will be 6 weekly sessions, beginning on 19th April. You can choose to come on Mondays from 1:30 – 3:00 or Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The program will conclude with a combined full day session on Saturday May 29th.

What is Alpha?

Alpha originated in Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, UK under the leadership of a Church of England priest, Rev. Nicky Gumble. It has grown into a world-wide not-for-profit program designed to help people grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. There is no charge, no admission criteria, and no follow-up.

What does it involve?

Participants are gathered around tables to facilitate easy conversation. Each session involves sharing light refreshments and watching a video presentation. The most recent video series, which we are using, includes input from Nicky Gumble, interspersed with comments from other presenters. It is filmed in a variety of locations, including several places in Israel. In addition to the video, there is opportunity for discussion with others around your table. How much you contribute to the discussion is up to you.

What should I expect to get out of Alpha?

Everyone is different, and there are no guarantees. However, I've never spoken to anyone who regretted having participated in Alpha, and I've heard many very positive responses.

Please plan to participate, and feel free to invite others to join in as well. For more information contact the Vicar.

LOVE....

Taken from 'Daily Acts of Love' by Stephanie Dowrick

The quality of our relationships is not determined by age, colour, wealth, gender or sexuality.

The quality of our relationships is determined only by our consciousness of love.

Love is always present. It is we who forget it – or remember.

We rarely know what's best for someone without asking them.

Discover what you can afford to overlook.

Other people can affect your happiness, but they are not responsible for it. Love gives happiness; it does not demand it.

ASK THE LORD OUR GOD TO HELP OUR FRIENDS

FOR THE HEALING OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT.

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Jim Wilson, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, Pat Brady, Cath, Elizabeth Polley, Judy Beach, David Bayne, Dawn White, Janet Paisley, Hazel Ford, Beryl Slocombe, Doris Loewy, and those we know personally and are not on this list.

FOR THOSE WITH ILLNESSES WHICH MEDICATION WILL NO LONGER HELP -give courage, strength and comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life.

TO THOSE RECENTLY BEREAVED - give comfort and strength.

FOR OUR MEMBERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE give peace, comfort & joy.

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Kaye Middlehurst, Anne Shady, Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Jenny Wood, Shirley Trimble, Stella Scheiner, Ross Smith and Keith & Kaye Houston

Please let the prayer team know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list, so that we can keep it up to date.

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS: Thank you to those who brought their mission bottles to church last Sunday. When we add the 2 Sundays together, we will be able to tell you how much we collected in this April opening.

Something positive out of the pandemic: The Barnabas Fund reports that "the lockdown in India last year led to great blessing in some village Christian communities. Instead of meeting just once a week in a big Sunday services, the Christians began to meet in small groups, each with its own leader - mostly new young leaders who had had no active role in the large-scale Sunday worship. The small meetings enabled believers to draw close to the Lord in more authentic ways; the result was spiritual growth for the Christians and effective witness to non-Christians, with many giving their lives to Christ. Give thanks to our God, who 'in all things works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose' (Acts 5:28-29)".

Our Prayer Chain If you'd like to join the team who pray, contact Anna or Lyn Carey-Nicholson 0418 171 787 and they'll send you a text message when they receive a prayer request. If you would like us to pray for you, contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827.

Saturday Morning Prayer 9.00 **am.** in St. Peter's Chapel. All are welcome.

Please feel free to come regularly, or whenever you have a need for prayer.

Tuesday Morning Prayer is a wonderful opportunity for you to have quiet, personal prayers for yourself or a loved one, with Dawn and John. **10 - 12 at St. Peter's.**

PRAYER FOCUS FOR APRIL Holy Spirit, pour out your gifts and fruits on all **those who provide care for others.** Grant them time and rest to rejuvenate, courage and fortitude to face the day-to-day challenges and wisdom and trust to know when to ask for help. Give them patience and strength when tiredness overwhelms and turns legs to lead; and remain calm when biting back the tears. And when the caring ends, help them to be kind, in their weariness, to themselves. Inspire and awaken us to be a Church community that is actively seeking to provide assistance and support to people who care for our brothers and sisters, who are witnesses of your gifts to our world. Amen.

- *All Saints' Fundraising. 10-12 on 24th April Stall - 'Accessories.'*

- **Men's Coffee morning Wednesday April 21st at 11am at BT's.**

There is a notice in foyer for names, so we have some sense of numbers. Contact John Northfield or Ian Boyd.

- **ST. PETER'S SUNDAY SERVICES ROSTER:** The roster for May will be available on Sunday, 25 April. If you are usually included on this roster and not available on any Sunday in May, would you please let me know asap. With many thanks, Betty Cameron.

- **Mother's Day flowers** give away will happen this year, so I will need people to help by preparing and distributing on **Saturday, May the 8th @9:30**. It is always a fun and lovely thing to do, with positive feedback. You can also help by giving a donation and/or bringing in foliage on the Friday [between 10:am & 12:pm] or Saturday before 10: am. If you have any queries, please contact Dawn Northfield on 0421129324. Please let me know if you are coming. Please also bring baskets, and secateurs [labelled].



- **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** Are you able to work in Church office for a few hours a week, or know someone we could employ? This a part time paid employment position. If you could help, either talk to Jill Mc Coy or Cathy Coleman Thank you, Beryl Slocombe.

- **ST. PETER'S SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:** Sides people, Readers, and Intercessors, are urgently needed to fulfill these roles at both Sunday Services at St. Peter's **AFTER EASTER**. If you aren't already on the lists, please contact Beryl Slocombe or Betty Cameron.

- **THE BRIDGE:** if you want anything added or changed, please text or email me [so that I get the message right] Isobel Dean - ref. Parish Directory (ring if necessary)

We worship on the land of the Bengalat clan of the Wathaurong people and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 12TH APRIL			
MONDAY 19	Pss.110; 111 or 118	Exodus19. 1-15	John 9. 1 – 12
TUESDAY 20	Pss.114; 115	Exodus 19.16 - 20.17	John 9. 13 -23
WEDNESDAY 21	Pss. 121;122;123	Exodus 20. 18 - 21. 6	John 9. 24 -41
THURSDAY 22	Ps.118. 1 -18	Exodus 22. 20 - 23. 3	John10. 1- 18
FRIDAY 23	Pss. 124; 125; 126	Exodus 23. 4 -17	John 10. 19 -30
SATURDAY 24	Pss 130; 131; 133	Exodus 23. 20 -33	John 10. 31 -42

(Readings for Anzac Day: - Micah 4. 1 – 4 or Samuel 22.2 -20. Ps 46 or Ps 51. 14 – 19. Hebrews 10.32-11.1 or Romans 5. 1 -8. John 15.9-17 or John 10. 1-21)

READINGS FOR services on SUNDAY 25th

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 51:14-19 Romans 5:1-8 John 10:1-21